

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on April 5, 2007. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-28 were cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 29-61 are in the case.

No claims were amended.

New claims 29-61 were added to better claim the invention.

Request for Interview

The Applicant respectfully requests a telephonic interview with the Examiner after the Examiner has had an opportunity to consider this Amendment, but before the issuance of the next Office Action. The Applicant may be reached at 617-951-3028.

At Paragraphs 1-27 of the Office Action claims 1-12, 15-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Heitman et al., U. S. Patent Publication Number 20030149763.

Claims 1-12, 15-28 have been cancelled and new claims 29-61 substituted therefore. Accordingly, it is believed that this rejection is moot.

At Paragraphs 28-30 claims 13, 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heitman in view of Brisse U. S. Patent Publication No. 20030055932. Claims 13, 14 have been cancelled and new claims 29-61 substituted therefore. Accordingly, it is believed that this rejection is moot.

At Paragraph 31 Claims 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 18-20 have been cancelled and new claims 29-61 substituted therefore. Accordingly, it is believed that this rejection is moot.

At Paragraphs 32-36 claims 23, 17, 19, 26, 27, 7, and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph. Claims 23, 17, 19, 26, 27, 7, and 8 have been cancelled and new claims 29-61 substituted therefore. Accordingly, it is believed that this rejection is moot.

NEW CLAIMS

Applicant respectfully urges that New claims 29-61 are allowable over all cited art.

Applicant's claimed invention, as set forth in representative Claim 29, comprises in part:

29. (New) A method for operating a data storage network, comprising:
executing a configuration verification computer program;
checking, by the configuration verification computer program, versions of a selected component of a plurality of components installed in the data storage network;

checking, by the configuration verification computer program, configuration settings of the selected component of the plurality of components of the data storage network;

determining, in response to the configuration settings, if there are any misconfiguration settings; and

sending, in response to determining that there are no misconfiguration settings, a directed packet through a potential data path to ensure that a component of the storage network is operational.

Applicant respectfully urges that none of the cited art discloses Applicant's claimed novel

determining, in response to the configuration settings, if there are any misconfiguration settings; and

sending, in response to determining that there are no misconfiguration settings, a directed packet through a potential data path to ensure that a component of the storage network is operational.

In particular, Applicant respectfully urges that Heitman has no disclosure of Applicant's *determining . . . if there are any misconfiguration settings . . . and . . . sending . . . a directed packet through a potential data path to ensure that a component of the storage network is operational.*

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully urges that claim 29 is in condition for allowance.

All independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

All dependent claims are dependent from independent claims which are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, all dependent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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